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SUBJECT: FAREWELL MESSAGE

(BEGIN TEXT) DEAR DICK: I HAD A FAREWELL DINNER FOR OUR
FRIENDS IN THE PRESS CORPS THE OTHER EVENING, AND POINTED
OUT TO THEM, AS AN EXAMPLE OF MY SOLICITUDE FOR THEIR WEL-
FARE, THAT I HAD TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD AS MANY
MEALS AS POSSIBLE IN DAMASCUS. THE THOUGHT WAS MET WITH
SIGHS AND GROANS -- AND THAT SERVED AS AN OBLIQUE REMINDER
TO ME THAT YOUR SERVICE OF THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS NOT BEEN
THE EASIEST. BUT YOU KNOW OF MY HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT
ASAD'S INTELLIGENCE AND INSIGHT, AND HIS FORMIDABLE TALENTS
AS A NEGOTIATOR. PERHAPS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY
I CAN PAY YOU IS TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU ARE A MORE THAN
WORTHY EQUAL TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT YOU HELD UP THE SIDE
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VERY WELL INDEED. YOUR JUDGMENT AND YOUR COUNSEL HAVE BEEN
INVALUABLE TO OUR SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST, AND I THINK YOU CAN TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT YOU HAVE DONE
FOR YOUR COUNTRY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. AND YOU CAN NOW TAKE
SOME COMFORT IN THE FACT THAT I AND MY ENTOURAGE WILL NOT BE
DESCENDING ON YOU ANY MORE. BUT YOU HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE
CREDIT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST

IN WHAT I KNOW WILL BE A BRIGHT AND REWARDING FUTURE. (END
TEXT)
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